
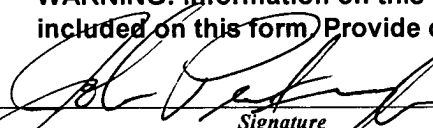
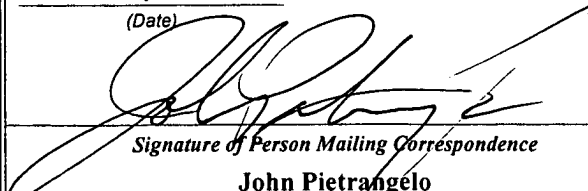
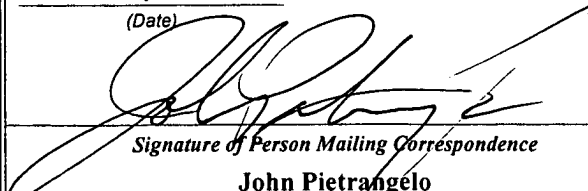
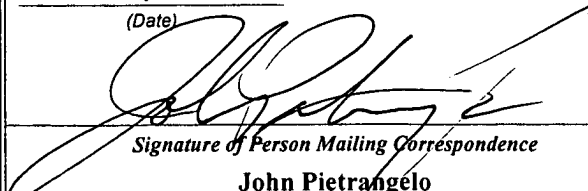


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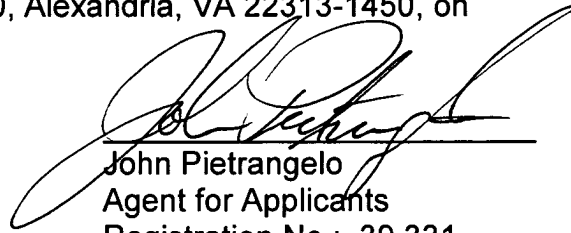
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before January 4, 2006, this Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.